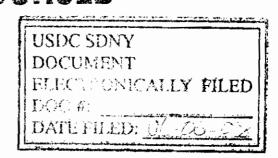


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BY HAND

The Honorable Charles S. Haight United States District Judge United States District Court Southern District of New York United States Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007

Re: The Northern Assurance Company of

America and American Home Assurance

Company v. Lafarge North America, Inc., etc.

08 Civ. 03289 (CSH)

Our File No: 29089-3-RGC/JJS

Dear Judge Haight:

We represent one of the defendants, Lafarge North America, Inc. ("LNA"), with respect to the captioned matter. With the consent of plaintiff's counsel, we write to request a three day extension of time to file LNA's Opposition To The Motion For Consolidation and Cross-Motion To Dismiss.

As the Court is aware, we intend to make a cross-motion to dismiss the complaint in addition to opposing consolidation. While we could theoretically file our opposition papers within the time allotted, we submit that it would be much more efficient for the Court to decide the consolidation and motion to dismiss issues at the same time. We do need a few extra days to prepare our motion to dismiss.

As mentioned above, counsel for plaintiff has consented to a three day extension up to and including June 5, 2008 for us to file our opposition and cross-motion.

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We thank the Court for its consideration of the aforementioned request.

Respectfully submitted,

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SO ORDERED

CHARLES S. HAIGHT JR.

SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

